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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning assembly for a range hood, said assembly being mounted within said range hood and comprising:

a motor housing defining an enclosure having at least one intake opening, at least one fan and one motor being mounted within said motor housing enclosure in alignment with said at least one intake opening;

a primary reservoir for holding fluid having first and second inlets and first and second outlets, said primary reservoir being located externally to said motor housing enclosure and being fillable with fluid through said first inlet;

a fluid dispenser in fluid communication with said primary reservoir, said fluid dispenser being adapted to direct said fluid into said motor housing enclosure toward at least one surface within said range hood;

a conduit for transporting fluid from within said motor housing enclosure to said primary reservoir via said second inlet receptacle for collecting fluid that has been dispensed from said fluid dispenser; and,

said receptacle being in fluid communication with said primary reservoir.

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Claim 2. (Currently Amended) ~~The cleaning assembly of claim 1 wherein:~~ A cleaning assembly for a range hood, said assembly being mounted within said range hood and comprising:

a primary reservoir for holding fluid, said primary reservoir includes including a main chamber and a first chamber defined in relation to said main chamber, said first chamber being in fluid communication with said main chamber and comprising an outlet for draining fluid from said first chamber;

a fluid dispenser in fluid communication with said primary reservoir, said fluid dispenser being adapted to direct said fluid toward at least one surface within said range hood;

a receptacle for collecting fluid that has been dispensed from said fluid dispenser, said receptacle being in fluid communication with said primary reservoir said receptacle is in fluid communication and with an inlet of said first chamber; and,

~~said first chamber comprises an outlet for draining fluid from said first chamber.~~

Claim 3. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 2 wherein said outlet of said first chamber is at a higher elevation than said inlet of said first chamber.

Claim 4. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 2 wherein:

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said primary reservoir further comprises a second chamber defined in relation to said main chamber, said second chamber being in fluid communication with said main chamber; and,

an inlet opening in said second chamber, said inlet opening being at a higher elevation than said main chamber.

Claim 5. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 4 wherein said outlet of said first chamber is at a higher elevation than said inlet of said first chamber.

Claim 6. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 2 wherein said first chamber is defined within said primary reservoir by a wall extending downward from a top wall of said main chamber and wherein said fluid communication between said first chamber and said main chamber is through a gap between a lowermost end of said wall and a bottom surface of said main chamber.

Claim 7. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 2 wherein said fluid communication between said receptacle and said primary reservoir is through a secondary reservoir, said assembly further comprising a pump for pumping fluid from said secondary reservoir to said primary reservoir.

Claim 8. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 3 wherein:

said fluid communication between said receptacle and said primary reservoir is through a secondary reservoir;

said assembly further comprising a pump for pumping fluid from said secondary reservoir to said primary reservoir; and,

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said pump pumps fluid from said secondary reservoir to said primary reservoir through said inlet.

Claim 9. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 8 wherein fluid draining from said outlet of said first chamber drains to an external grease receptacle.

Claim 10. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 8 wherein said secondary reservoir includes a pump chamber and a drain chamber, said pump chamber being in fluid communication with said drain chamber.

Claim 11. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 10 wherein said outlet of said first chamber is in fluid communication with said secondary reservoir.

Claim 12. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 11 wherein said drain chamber is in fluid communication with an external grease receptacle.

Claim 13. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 10 wherein fluid draining from said outlet of said first chamber drains to said drain chamber of said secondary reservoir.

Claim 14. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 10 wherein said drain chamber is defined within said secondary reservoir by a wall extending down from a top surface of said pump chamber and wherein said fluid communication between said pump chamber and said drain chamber is through a gap between a lowermost end of said wall and a bottom surface of said pump chamber.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) The cleaning assembly of claim 1 wherein said primary reservoir is mounted below and in abutment with said receptacle-motor housing.

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Claim 16. (Original) The cleaning assembly of claim 1 further comprising a dispensing pump for pumping fluid from said primary reservoir to said dispenser.

Claim 17. (New) The cleaning assembly of claim 1 wherein said conduit comprising a secondary reservoir, said assembly further comprising a pump for pumping fluid from said secondary reservoir to said primary reservoir.

Claim 18. (New) The cleaning assembly of claim 17 wherein said fluid dispenser draws fluid through said first outlet, said second outlet being in fluid communication with an external grease receptacle.

Claim 19. (New) The cleaning assembly of claim 17 wherein said fluid dispenser draws fluid through said first outlet, said second outlet being in fluid communication with said secondary reservoir.